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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2007, attached please find the following:

1. Amendments to the Claims (pages 2-6); and
2. Appropriate Remarks (pages 7-9).